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1. BNDD BANGKOK TRANSMITS FOLLOWING AS PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION REPEAT PRELIMINARY.
 2. ON THE AFTERNOON OF APRIL 19, 1973, VIETNAMESE NAVAL FORCES OPERATING AT A POINT APPROXIMATELY THIRTY (30) MILES OFFSHORE OF THE COAST OF VIETNAM, OFFSHORE OF NHA TRANG INTERDICTED AND BOARDED THE THAI FISHING VESSEL PHASAKORN SUMUTH. INTELLIGENCE REPORTS AS YET NOT CONFIRMED REPEAT NOT CONFIRMED INDICATE THIS VESSEL WAS TRANSITTING TO HONG KONG LADEN WITH TWO PLUS TONS OPIUM, APPROXIMATELY 400 KILOGRAMS HEROIN #4, AND APPROXIMATELY FIVE NETRIC TONS MORPHINE AND/ OR MORPHINE BASE. IN ADDITION WE HAVE REPORT OF TWO CRATES OF GOLD INGOTS ON BOARD. TOTAL WEIGHT UNDETERMINED. ALL DRUG WEIGHTS SET OUT THIS MESSAGE ARE APPROXIMATION AND HAVE NOT BEEN CONFIRMED.
 3. THERE SHOULD BE NO REPEAT NO RELEASE OF THIS INFORMATION TO THE PRESS UNTIL IT IS COMPLETELY CONFIRMED. BANGKOK EXPECTS BE ABLE FURNISH ADDITIONAL DETAILS TOMORROW, APRIL 20, 1973, AS BNDD SAIC CUNNINGHAM NOW ENROUTE NHA TRANG VIA AIR WITH GVN NATIONAL POLICE AUTHORITIES. TRAWLER TAKEN UNDER TOW AND NOW BEING BROUGHT TO NHA TRANG HARBOR.
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